Construction of Hirma Power Project in Andhra Pradesh

*251. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of construction of HIRMA Power Project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the Centre's share in the project; and

(c) how the power generation would be shared?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) As per available information, there is no project by this name coming up in the state of Andhra Pradesh. However, a thermal power project by this name with a provisional capacity of 6×660 MW is being developed in the state of Orissa under the revised mega power projects policy announced by the Government in November, 1998. Construction on this project has not started.

(b) Nil.

(c) Proposals for purchase of power from this project have been received from some states. However, the final allotment of the power generated to these States would depend on several factors, particularly, the acceptance by them, of the conditions prescribed under the policy and final firmed up capacity of the project, etc.

Detection of Tunnel Near Chandigarh Bop

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SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Border Security Force has found out a 300 yard long tunnel near the check post at Chandigarh on Indian border in Gurdaspur sector, whose purpose was to create disorder in India by ISI, the Pak Intelligence agency;

(b) whether the work on the tunnel had been going on for the last three months;

(c) if so, whether Government have lodged protest with the Pakistan Government; and

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